

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES  
AUGUST 7, 2015  
09:00 A.M.**

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board held a public meeting on August 7, 2015, beginning at approximately 9:05 A.M. at the following locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way, Room 303  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Health Care Quality and Compliance  
4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite 810  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

AT&T Conferencing  
Dial-in Toll-Free Number 1-877-336-1831  
Participants Code 4756895

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bonnie Sorenson, Chair, RN, BSN  
Veronica (Roni) Galas, Vice-Chair  
Tyree Davis, DDS,  
Lisa Lottritz, RN, BSN  
Assemblywoman Ellen Spiegel  
Amanda Spletter  
Marsha Matsunaga-Kirgan, MD,  
Noah Kohn, MD  
Melinda Hoskins, MS, APRN

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Senator Patricia Farley  
Fred Schultz  
Fatima Taylor

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT**

Christine Mackie, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (BCFCW)  
Beth Handler, Deputy Bureau Chief, BCFCW  
Andrea Rivers, Section Manager, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH), BCFCW  
Laura Valentine, Title V/MCH Program Manager, MCAH, BCFCW  
Evelyn Dryer, Grant Manager, Nevada Home Visiting, MCAH, BCFCW  
Ingrid Mburia, MCH Epidemiologist, MCAH, BCFCW  
Christina Turner, Maternal and Infant Health Coordinator, MCAH, BCFCW  
Deborah Duchesne, Rape Prevention and Education Coordinator, MCAH, BCFCW  
Lindsey Dermid-Gray, Statewide Breast Feeding Coordinator, Women, Infants and Children  
Cailey Hardy, Administrative Assistant, MCAH, BCFCW  
Eileen Hough, Adolescent Health Program Specialist, MCAH, BCFCW  
Christine Caufield, School Health Program Coordinator, BCFCW  
Deborah Aquino, Oral Health Program Manager, BCFCW

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Melanie Kauffman, Executive Director, Family TIES of Nevada

Barry Lovgren, Public

Judy Henderson, Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence

Chair Bonnie Sorenson called the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Ms. Sorenson indicated the meeting was properly posted at the locations listed on the agenda in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

#### **1. Roll call and introductions**

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum of the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board was present.

#### **2. Vote on minutes from the June 12, 2015 meeting**

Chair Bonnie Sorenson asked if there were any corrections to the draft minutes from the June 12, 2015 meeting.

**CHAIR SORENSON ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY DR. TYREE DAVIS. LISA LOTTRITZ SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **3. Presentation from the Rape Prevention and Education Program**

Deborah Duchesne informed members the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) program is supporting bystander activities on both university campuses in Nevada. Ms. Duchesne referred to the handout provided to members and opened the floor for questions. Vice Chair Veronica Galas referenced a recent study which examined a new intervention for women living on college campuses to teach women relational skills, self-defense and other educational classes for prevention. Ms. Duchesne informed members they are working on a social ecological model to focus on individual strategies, relationship strategies and community strategies. National and State activities are not working on strategies which could imply it is the women's responsibility.

Chair Bonnie Sorenson asked if there is any local data regarding sexual assault and how Nevada compares to the National data. Ms. Duchesne informed members 90% of sexual assault is not reported on campus and including this information could have been misleading. Nevada has very limited data on sexual assault, only what is collected at the College Administration level is available.

Chair Sorenson mentioned it would be nice to have a benchmark or a baseline to know if the interventions promoted are effective. Ms. Duchesne informed members there are evaluation activities that are being incorporated and have proven to be successful; RPE is also assisting the College Administration in any rape prevention activities they are doing.

Melinda Hoskins asked if community colleges and other institutions within the state are included. Ms. Duchesne informed members University campuses are currently the starting point, because a greater number of sexual assaults occur when students live on campus. Lisa Lottritz asked the definition of “on-campus” and if reports have been examined that were made to the jurisdiction like the Reno Police Department. Ms. Duchesne explained Reno Police Department is very involved with what is going on at the campus. “On-campus” is defined as students affected who are attending the school: it is not only assaults that occur on campus.

Dr. Tyree Davis asked if there are programs that educate high-risk populations at the high school level. Ms. Duchesne informed members the second major strategy in the state is to teach in conjunction with YourSPACE throughout Washoe and Clark County at schools and other organizations. YourSPACE is a teen educational program that promotes and teaches healthy relationships and information on relationship abuse and how to get help. The age group the Rape Prevention and Education program targets is 16-24 year olds. Every year, YourSPACE trainers meet to ensure the curriculum meets the Nevada Board of Health Education Standards which allows the trainers to get the curriculum into the classrooms. Judy Henderson stated there are on-going meetings statewide with prevention educators to review other states mandated curriculum and recommendations are being developed to be supportive of school districts to provide them with options for different resources.

Vice Chair Veronica Galas asked if there was anything MCHAB could do to help support the efforts that are currently in motion. Ms. Duchesne said to help in reaching out to the Board of Regions will assist RPE to move forward with the bystander activities. Also, RPE would appreciate help in reaching out to school districts to have the opportunity to teach curriculums such as YourSPACE. Judy Henderson mentioned they are looking for organizations that have the ability to host a training. Chair Bonnie Sorenson thanked Ms. Duchesne for her presentation.

#### **4. Presentation on Birth Centers; Benefits for Nevada**

Melinda Hoskins informed members Nevada has had regulations for birth centers since 1996 based on the American Public Health Association guidelines for birth centers. Nevada’s regulations list them as an obstetric center, not as a birth center. The Board of Health is working on possibly revising the regulations in Nevada for birth centers. It is being requested that a certified midwife or obstetrician to be listed as a service director rather than a medical director. The language should be changed to decrease the liability from the medical director and the actions of the practitioners would have their own liability. The responsibility for the quality and program policies and procedures for care would be the service director’s responsibility. It is being requested to require National Accreditation from the American Association of Birth Centers so the quality of care would have a higher level of care. It is also being requested to implement the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists society of maternal and fetal medicine regulations. An issue that is commonly seen is if a hospital is resistant to a birth center, it can make it difficult to transfer care between facilities which impacts the patients care. There are often significant barriers of how a transfer of care occurs. The guidelines for best practice of transfer suggest a protocol

of how hospitals and out of hospitals birth attendants coordinate to assure a smooth transfer. The State of Nevada needs to work towards integrating a maternity care delivery system.

## **5. Reports**

Andrea Rivers asked if the members had any questions regarding the provided reports in the meeting packet. Vice Chair Veronica Galas asked if the Primary Care Office (PCO) has seen any increase or decreases in primary care providers and what has been successful to bring more providers to Nevada. Ms. Rivers informed members the PCO was not available to attend the meeting; however, those questions will be submitted to the PCO and included in reports at the next MCHAB meeting.

Dr. Noah Kohn asked if there is any data regarding the Adolescent Health Program in terms of overall enrollment and a list of outcomes. Ms. Rivers stated upon request from the MCHAB there can be a presentation at the next meeting or a report can be made available of the data.

Ms. Rivers informed members the Maternal Child Health Title V Block Grant was submitted and there will be a block grant review from federal partners this month. Chair Bonnie Sorenson asked if there was more detail on implementation for the goals and priorities selected in the block grant. Ms. Rivers informed members after we receive feedback from the block grant review we can present the feedback and the preliminary process for implementation of the priorities and goals. Chair Sorenson suggested having a report on the goals and objectives for each meeting.

## **6. Discussion and review of the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board Bylaws**

Andrea Rivers informed members all feedback was taken to our Deputy Attorney General and was updated in the bylaws. It is required bylaws must be submitted to members 30 days before any revisions can be submitted for approval.

## **7. Discussion and recommendation regarding consideration of new appointees, and/or to renew expiring terms for MCHAB members. Recommendations will be submitted to the Nevada State Board of Health (BOH) for appointment.**

Andrea Rivers informed Veronica Galas and Fred Schultz terms expired. Ms. Galas expressed interest to continue to serve. There will be a vacant position on the MCHAB due to the retirement of Chair Bonnie Sorenson.

**CHAIR BONNIE SORENSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE VERONICA GALAS TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM ON THE MCHAB. DR. MARSHA MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DR. NOAH KOHN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FRED SCHULTZ TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM ON THE MCHAB. CHAIR BONNIE SORENSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A hand vote was taken by members to select a candidate to fill the vacant position due to multiple candidates having shown interest in serving on the MCHAB.

**CHAIR BONNIE SORENSON MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DR. KEITH BRILL TO SERVE ON THE MCHAB. DR. NOAH KOHN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. DR. MARSHA MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN ABSTAINED.**

#### **8. Elect Chair and Vice Chair of MCHAB**

**DR. TYREE DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ELECT VERONICA GALAS AS CHAIR OF THE MCHAB. CHAIR BONNIE SORENSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**LISA LOTTRITZ MADE A MOTION TO ELECT DR. TYREE DAVIS AS VICE CHAIR OF THE MCHAB. DR. MARSHA MATSUNAGA-KIRGAN SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Andrea Rivers thanked Bonnie Sorenson for her service on the MCHAB and presented a letter of gratitude from the Division's Administrator. Ms. Rivers expressed her gratitude for Ms. Sorenson's expertise and experience she has given to the MCHAB.

#### **9. Discuss and recommend agenda items for the next scheduled meeting November 6, 2015**

Bonnie Sorenson requested the next meeting's agenda to include examining a new survey for seventh graders to recognize rising risks. Andrea Rivers stated the Division has some information regarding this survey and can coordinate a presentation for this topic. Melinda Hoskins asked to include an agenda item to examine the credentials by insurance companies for nurse practitioners. Bonnie Sorenson and Assemblywoman Ellen Spiegel requested this topic to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Dr. Tyree Davis asked to coordinate Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) to come to the next meeting for a presentation. Other recommended agenda items for the next meeting include an update for the MCH Title V Block Grant and a vote on the bylaws.

#### **10. Public Comment**

Barry Lovgren spoke regarding the Sober Moms Healthy Babies campaign and thanked everyone involved in the project. Mr. Lovgren appreciated everyone's effort. Deborah Aquino thanked Bonnie Sorenson for her service on the MCHAB.

#### **11. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.